

Herron Smith, 86

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His funeral will be 11 a.m., Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the United Methodist Church, Groton, with the Rev. Rob Moorlach officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be at the chapel, 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.



Herron Samuel Smith was born November 9, 1922, Waxhaw, NC, to Julius Malcolm and Mary Kathryn (Crump) Smith. He attended school in North Carolina and after graduation, he enlisted in the US Air Force, serving in Guam before his honorable discharge in 1947.

Herron married Elaine Drayer, July 8, 1947 in Union County, NC. The couple made their home in Rockham, Ashton, Bruce and Andover, where Herron managed grain elevators for South Dakota Wheat Growers. After 32 years, they retired in Andover.

Herron was a member of the United Methodist Church and had been active in the Methodist Men. He also belonged to the Two-Cylinder Club, and had been honored as a 60-year member of the Andover American Legion Post #258. Herron had served on the Andover Fire Department, WEB Water Board, and several school and town boards in the various communities that he lived in. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, fishing and gardening. He especially liked growing pumpkins each year, and sharing them with family and friends.

Celebrating his life through memories are his four children, Mike (Susan) Smith, Ft. Pierre; Rick (Carolea) Smith, Watertown; Barry (Trudy) Smith, Andover; Mark (Sue) Smith, Shakopee, Minn.; two brothers, Tommy Smith and Bobby Smith, North Carolina; nine grandchildren, Brett (Carmen) Smith, Anne Smith, Alexys (Kent) Thorson, Christopher Smith, Ryan (Kandi) Smith, Rene Smith, Melissa Smith, Melinda Smith and Chelsea Smith, and five great-grandchildren.

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